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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY MEX ATTGEN OJEDA PAULLEDA ON GOM
EFFORTS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL SMUGGLING OF
BRACEROS INTO US.

1. IN A STATEMENT TO THE MEXICO CITY DAILY EXCELSIOR,
ON JULY 10, 1973, MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA
PAULLADA STATED THAT THE GOM HAS UNDERTAKEN A PERMANENT
CAMPAIGN ALONG ITS NORTHERN FRONTIER TO STOP THE
SMUGGLING OF BRACEROS INTO THE US AND THAT MEXICAN
AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY ARRESTED FIVE SMUGGLERS IN
MATAMOROS AND CONVICTED THEM.

2. OJEDA ALSO COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON THE FORTHCOMING
MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF THE US AD-HOC GROUP AND THE
MEXICAN INTERSECRETARIAL GROUP ON THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL
IMMIGRATION INTO THE US, SAYING THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS
MEETING WOULD BE TO "ANALYZE ALL OF THE QUESTIONS
INVOLVED IN THIS DIFFICULT SOCIAL PROBLEM". HE ALSO
MENTIONED THAT BOTH DELEGATIONS WOULD EXCHANGE STUDIES
OF THE PROBLEM.

3. LOCAL ATTENTION HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN FOCUSED ON THE
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PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AFTER THE APPEARANCE IN

THE LOCAL PRESS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS OF STORIES
ON THE DISCOVERY IN CALIFORNIA OF A LARGE GROUP OF
SMUGGLERS OF BRACEROS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GOM WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PREFER
TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT THE INTRACTABLE PROBLEM OF
ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRATION INTO THE US, NEWS FROM THE
US FREQUENTLY FORCES GOM OFFICIALS TO MAKE A STATEMENT.
IN THIS CASE, IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT OJEDA IS
INCORRECT IN STATING THAT THE TWO
DELEGATIONS WILL EXCHANGE STUDIES OF THE PROBLEM.
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